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Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heritage.

Lauber, prominent columnist, former Arcadia mayor and well-known figure in the community, spent years promoting interest in the Museum Education Center and it is largely due to her determination and vision that the facility is being established to serve the citizens of Ar-

cadia and the surrounding community. A groundbreaking for the new facility was held on Sept. 29 and opening is anticipated in spring 2014.

Following the DAR award, Gene Glasco, president of the Arcadia Historical Society and also Arcadia city clerk, presented Lauber with a plant for her many years of work on behalf of the Society, of which she is a former president.

Lauber expressed appreciation to Billie Tone, corresponding secretary

of Arcadia DAR and employee of Arcadia Planning Department, for her tireless efforts of researching the many pages of history and thanked the city manager and mayor for allowing the presentation to be held during the City Council meeting.

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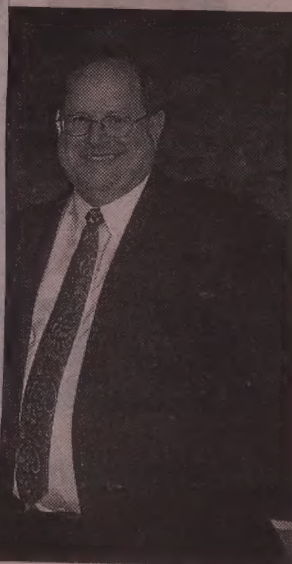


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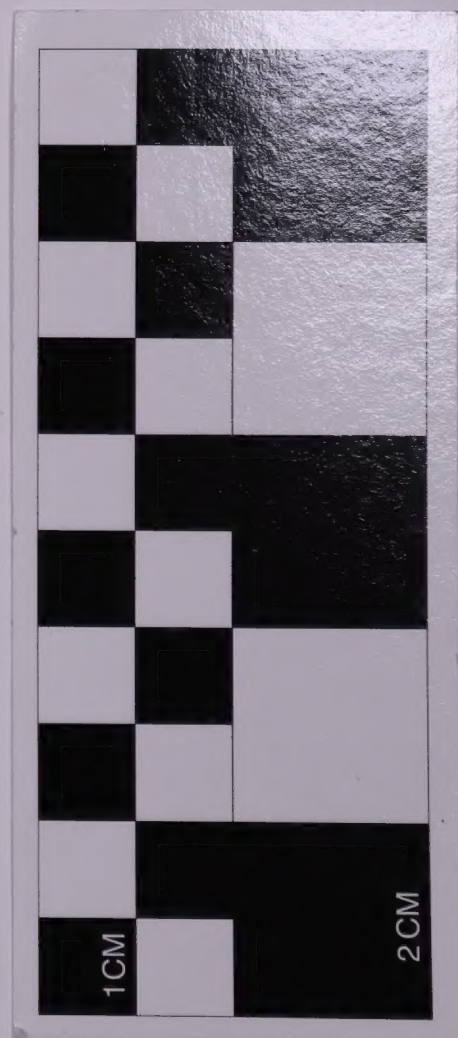
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Around Arcadia+Temple City

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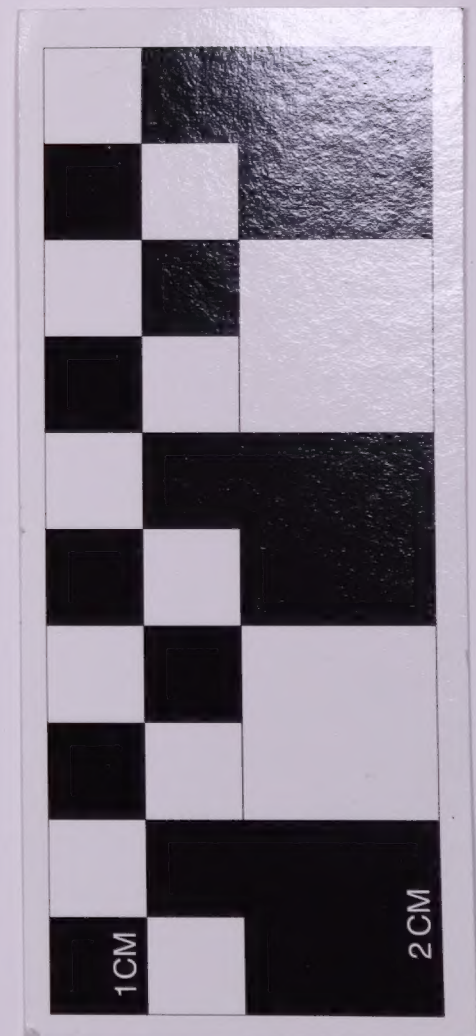


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Calendar

Monrovia

Relay for Life support:

On Feb. 27, Monrovia restaurant The Peach Café will donate a percentage of all purchases to the upcoming American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Monrovia scheduled for April 26.

The restaurant at 141 E. Colorado Blvd. is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Monrovia Relay for Life will start at 9 a.m. April 26 at Recreation Park, 500 S. Shamrock Ave. Closing ceremonies will be April 27 at 9 a.m. For information, visit relayforlife.org/Monrovia.

Arcadia

Lunchtime talks: The Gilb Museum of Arcadia Heri-

tage will present talks at the Arcadia Recreation and Community Center from noon to 1 p.m. March 20. In March, Vince Foley, Arcadia Museum Commissioner, will speak on "Hollywood at the Arboretum."

Bring your own lunch or visit the Recreation and Community Center's Carefree Café (for adults 50 years and over), which offers lunches for purchase on the day of the program on a first come, first served basis.

In April, the monthly program will move to the museum's new Education Center.

For more information, call 626-574-5130.

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Around Duarte+Monrovia

CITY OF DUARTE IS GOING TO MISS WILLIAM NORGARD

A gentleman, a sage, a man of vision. Sadly, Duarte has lost a longtime resident and friend, William Dunlap Norgard.

Bill was a man of vision in many ways. His home, which he and his father built in 1974, offers a 180-degree view of the San Gabriel Valley, a scene he never tired of. However, while he savored the vastness of his view, he never took for granted the smaller joys of life: the birds, the insects and roaming animals that grace the Duarte Mesa. Visiting friends were often recipients of gifts from Bill's bountiful garden: Maui



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onions, macadamia nuts and succulent oranges — gifts served on dishes handcrafted by Bill himself.

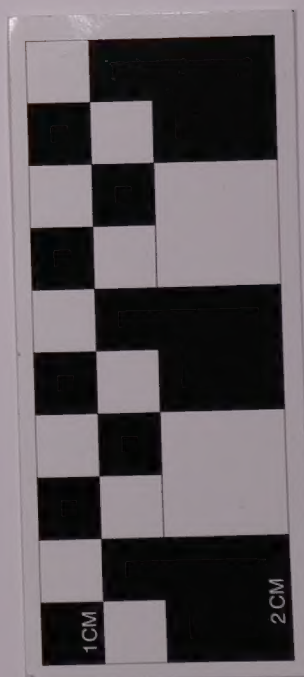
After losing both parents at a young age, Bill and his sister Marilyn were adopted by a loving family. As a child he attended school at the 1909 Duarte Schoolhouse, now the Old Spaghetti Factory, but eventually the family moved to Oregon. It was there Bill became interested in the sciences and uninterested in the gloomy weather. When the family returned to Duarte, Bill attended Los Angeles City College, ex-

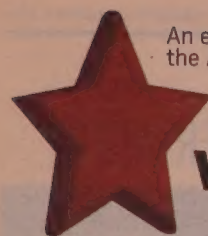


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Bill and Nita Norgard enjoying a birdwalk on the Puente Largo Bridge.

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Mining work

VULCAN GIVES UPDATE ON AZUSA ROCK QUARRY

*Reclamation process on Mayan steps
is site's most visible progress*

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After years of legal delays, mining work at the Azusa Rock Quarry has begun again and is progressing quickly, Vulcan Materials Company officials said recently.

The site has been active since September, when the state appeals court backed a decision by the Los Angeles Superior Court that allowed the company to move forward with the mining process.

Most visible to the public is the work being done on the Mayan steps, 30- to 50-foot high conventional benches that will be converted to 1- to 2-foot "microbenches" and restored with native vegetation by August 2015 as part of the agreement between the city of Azusa and Vulcan.

"As we come down (the hillside) we're completing the microbenches," said Azusa Rock Project Manager Mike Radford. "They're hydroseeding as they come down every 25 feet," which is the process by which native vegetation is planted along the hillside, he said.

The work, which turns the hillside bright green — visible from afar, is being done by Nature's Image, a habitat restoration company that specializes in slope restoration, said Jeff Cameron, Vulcan manager of permitting and compliance, and is already about 20 percent completed.

The goal of the microbenches

is to make the hillside look completely natural with no evidence of previous mining visible, Radford said.

"There's a lot of construction and a lot of activity but we're moving forward as best we can and as fast as we can," Cameron said.

No blasting has been done in 2014 yet, Radford said, as the company, in partnership with contractor Ames Construction, has been making efforts to bring in heavy-duty vehicles that will do most of the mining and minimize the number of blasts, which are limited to 100 per year.

"What's taking place today is actually reclamation," Cameron said. "People say, 'hey there's mining,' but we're not mining. What we're doing is reclaiming the slope and removing that material, the majority goes to fill up the Reliance 2 landfill (on the corner of Foothill and Irwindale)."

The company also is making progress to complete a pathway through the mining property for the public to access the Fish Canyon Trailhead, he said. That trail, which will be open to the public seven days a week, must be completely open by Aug. 20 of this year as part of the development agreement, Cameron said.

The trail to the Fish Canyon Falls around the western edge of the property is a moderate 9-mile hike with a 2,280-foot elevation gain, the city of Duarte's website states, while the trail through the mining property is an easier 3.2-mile hike.

Vulcan's plan eventually will



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Crews from Ames Construction Inc. place granite material into a rock crusher for Vulcan Materials Company as part of their Azusa Rock Project in Azusa on Feb. 19. The project works on reclaiming the conventional benches, over 30 feet tall, into microbenches that are 12 to 18 inches tall.

shift its mining operations from 80 acres on the eastern end of the 270-acre property to 80 acres on its western end, under a permit to mine 190 acres of its land. The plan also includes tax revenues for Azusa, which Vulcan officials said have totaled more than \$2.5 million paid to the city so far. The site also undergoes regular inspections from Air Quality Management District officials, most recently held Feb. 18, officials said.

The group also attended the Feb. 18 Azusa City Council meeting to give an update on work at the site and answer questions.



Mike Radford, project manager with Vulcan Materials Company, talks about their Azusa Rock Project.

